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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN CONCERN ABOUT ECUADOREAN, CHILEAN ARMS PURCHASES

1. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED NEWSPAPERS LA PRENSA AND EL COMERCIO  
NOV 12 CARRIED ITEMS INDICATING PERUVIAN CONCERN ABOUT ALLEGED  
PURCHASE OF ISRAELI ANTI-TANK MISSILES BY CHILE AND FRENCH  
MIRAGE FIGHTERS BY ECUADOR. FRENCH PUBLICATIONS LE POINT AND  
DEFENSA DIPLOMATICA ARE GIVEN AS SOURCE WITH STORIES CARRIED  
INTERNATIONALLY BY AFP AND PRENSA LATINA.

2. LA PRENSA ITEM FINDS CHILEAN PURCHASE PARTICULARLY DISTURBING  
BECAUSE ISRAELI ADVISORS WILL BE USED TO TRAIN CHILEANS. THIS,  
THE PAPER CLAIMS, INDICATES THAT A SIZEABLE TRANSACTION AND  
SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS ARE INVOLVED. STORY ALSO ALLEGES THAT  
"SOME OF PERU'S NEIGHBORS" ARE MEETING IN AN ASIAN CAPITAL  
(UNIDENTIFIED), WHICH, COMBINED WITH THESE ARMS ACQUISITIONS,  
HAS "ALARMING CHARACTERISTICS" FOR PERU.

3. EL COMERCIO CARRIES EDITORIAL ENTITLED "REPLACEMENT OF  
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OBSOLETE MATERIEL?" WHICH STRESSES THAT ALLEGED ECUADOREAN AND  
CHILEAN ARMS PURCHASES HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED AS REPLACEMENTS  
FOR OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT; THUS THESE NEW ARMS MUST BE DESIGNED TO  
ENHANCE THE "WAREFARE POTENTIAL" OF THE BUYERS. EDITORIAL GOES  
ON TO COMPLAIN THAT WHEN PERU HAS PURCHASED ARMS EXPRESSLY TO  
REPLACE OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT, IT HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO INTER-  
NATIONAL CAMPAIGN ALLEGING PERUVIAN BELLICOSE INTENTIONS,

NOTWITHSTANDING ITS PACIFIC POLICIES.

4. COMMENT: THE GOVERNMENT'S PURPOSE IN PUBLISHING THESE ITEMS IS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. ESPECIALLY PUZZLING IS THE HINT THAT SOME SORT OF PLOT BY PERU'S NEIGHBORS IS IN THE WIND. SINCE PERU HAS TAKEN CONSIDERABLE HEAT ABOUT SOME OF ITS ARMS PURCHASES, ESPECIALLY OF SOVIET EQUIPMETN, IT MAY SEE NEWS OF THESE PURCHASES BY CHILE AND ECUADOR AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE SAME ARGUMENTS AGAINST ITS NEIGHBORS. THE FINE DISTINCTION, HOWEVER, BETWEEN "REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT" AND NEW WEAPONS THAT THE EDITORIAL ATTEMPTS TO DRAW SEEMS A RATHER FLIMSY IF NOT HYPOCRITICAL ARGUMENT, GIVEN PERU'S MAJOR ARMS BUILDUP OF THE PAST FEW YEARS.

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